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SUBJECT: DOMINICA REVIEW FOR SUSPENSION OF TITLE III OF THE

LIBERTAD ACT

REF: STATE 158768

Classified By: PolOff Tyler Allen for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) The five questions in reftel are answered below, in a Q and A format:

Investments

Q1 - What is the nature of investments (and names, if known) that host country businesses have in Cuba?

A1 - There are no Dominican businesses known to have investments in Cuba.

Trade Agreements

 ${\tt Q2}$ - Are there any bilateral trade agreements between host country and Cuba?

A2 - Yes. Dominica has an active bilateral trade treaty with Cuba. In addition, CARICOM has a trade agreement with Cuba that Dominica has ratified.

Exchange Programs

Q3 - Are there any exchange programs between host country and Cuba, including but not limited to: scholarships for host country nationals to study in Cuba; Cuban-paid medical travel for host country nationals; and Cuban doctors working in host country?

A3 - Yes. Dominica is the recipient of Cuban scholarships and benefits from Cuban doctors and nurses working in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the Dominica State College.

Democracy and Human Rights

Q4 - Has the host country, in Post's opinion, worked to promote the advancement of democracy and human rights in Cuba?

 ${\rm Q4}$ - ${\rm No.}\,$ Dominica has done nothing to advance democracy and human rights in Cuba.

High-Level Visits

 ${\tt Q5}$ - ${\tt Have}$ there been any high-level diplomatic visits between Cuba and host country in the past six months?

 ${\tt A5}$ - There have been no high-level diplomatic visits between Cuba and Dominica in the past six months. ${\tt HOWARD}$